

Docket Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Docket No. 98N-1038  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville MD 20852

Dear Sirs:

I am disgusted by industry efforts to reduce the size of a being for irradiated foods, to use faux nomenclature such as "cold pasteurized" and to set an expiration date for any labeling of irradiated foods. As a consumer who values choice and honest labeling, I urge you to:

- \* label **all** irradiated foods conspicuously with the word "Irradiated" and the Radura symbol.
- \* label irradiated ingredients to match labeling recommendations from the USDA and to do so because consumers want irradiated foods labeled.
- \* label irradiated **bulk** produce with prominent signs, **identifying** individual items that have been irradiated.
- \* label irradiated foods permanently (no expiration date) as other foods are labeled. Consumers will always want to know when a food has been irradiated since irradiation can affect the smell, taste, texture and nutrition of a food item, and it may otherwise be confused with unprocessed food.
- \* label irradiated foods **conspicuously** (larger than ingredient size unless it is part of an ingredient list) so that it is easily recognized in comparison to non-irradiated food.

Consumers want a choice, and it is your job to provide adequate consumer labeling. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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